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SUBJECT: URGENT ACTION REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
RECONSTRUCTION INVESTIGATOR

REF: P. LEONARD-L. JONES EMAIL OF 9/13

¶1. (SBU) Embassy Tirana requests urgent assistance in responding to a GOA request for help in investigating a September 12 traffic accident that resulted in the death of a key witness in a high profile, ongoing investigation. The GOA has offered to pay for all expenses associated with any U.S. assistance.

¶2. (SBU) On September 13 Embassy Tirana received an urgent, official request for assistance from the Albanian Prosecutor General in investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of an Albanian citizen, Kosta TREBICKA, in what appears to have been a single-car accident on September 12. The GOA specifically requested a traffic accident reconstruction expert to assist with the case.

¶3. (SBU) The GOA has requested assistance in light of the extreme political sensitivity of the victim, who was a key witness in an ongoing, high profile criminal investigation in Albania.

¶4. (U) The DS Command Center and the Operations Center have been notified via email and phone of this request.
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